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President's Comments

2009 was a challenging year for supporters of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries and the Michigan Historical Center system. The economic downturn, which has affected the State of Michigan most severely, brought budget reductions and the dissolution of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. In addition, among many other changes, the Michigan History Magazine is no longer a property of the State of Michigan and the Michigan Historical Center is now part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The fiscal situation has placed the additional duties on the personnel of the Museum. They have responded to the uncertainty with a guarded, yet positive, attitude. I am very proud of their efforts to continue offering high quality exhibits and programs under the most difficult of conditions. If the opportunity presents itself, I hope you will personally thank them for their dedication and commitment as they continue to share the story of Michigan's history.

The fiscal situation of the state increases the need for our organization to raise funds to attempt to make up for the reductions in state financial support. I realize that is a difficult challenge during this time of economic stress. However, if each one of us will convince just one friend or neighbor to become a member of the Friends of Michigan History we can double our support for the museum programs.

The mission of our organization to support the Michigan Museum system is more important today than ever before. A wise person once said: “If you are dealt lemons make lemonade.” Together, let us make an effort to identify a constructive response to these difficult problems.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Michigan History, I extend warm good wishes for the holiday season.

Francis “Bus” Spaniola

NOTE: Current and new members will continue to receive Michigan History magazines.

The **11th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration** honoring Michigan Veterans was held on Sunday, November 8th, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.



Michigan Army National Guard

Beachler, and piper Steven Winninger escorted the various color guard teams down to their flag's placement on the museum auditorium stage.

Larry Griffin, FOMH Board member, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance, whereupon FOMH Board President Bus Spaniola, an officer in the Association of the United States Army, greeted those in attendance and introduced Representative Joan Bauer and other special guests.



Michigan Marine Color Guard

Songs of patriotism filled the air as the Jackson Northwest High School Choir "Vocal Dimensions", directed by Matthew Snell, entertained the audience with beautiful vocal music in a medley of moving melodies.

The speakers from the Michigan Army National Guard, Delta Company Air Unit were Master Sergeant Mike Beck, and Specialist First Class Neil Kreiner. Specialist

First Class Thorin Wood also was available to answer questions.

The presentations were concise, thorough, and thought provoking. Many questions were asked by the audience, and Channel 6 television as well as two representatives from the MSU School of Journalism spent time interviewing the guardsmen following their presentation.

Specially engraved plaques bearing the Friends' logo, were presented to the speakers as a FOMH thank you, by President Spaniola and Commander Beachler, followed by a moving tribute to the Flag of the United States of America presented by WWII, 4th Armored Division Veteran S.K. Richard Ward, P.C.

Upon retiring the colors, refreshments were offered by the Friends and pictures of the various color guards were taken. All in attendance expressed their thanks to the Friends for again sponsoring the program, and many indicated their early anticipation for the 2010 celebration.



82nd Airborne Color Guard



Guest speaker Master Sergeant Mike Beck

Paul M. Tarr, chairman

Welcome to Our Renewing Friends

Stephen Adamini
Louise & Thomas Alderson
Ann Bentley
Fred & Linda Biondo
Virginia & James Breckenfeld
William & Anne Coultas
C. Anne Cruce
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Robert & Marguerite Danhof
Jack & Susan Davis
David & Sue Dinger
Michael & Anna Flanagan
James Groen
Karen Hakala
Janine & Richard Hall
Susan Hall
Merrill & Elizabeth Hessel
Irene Bronner Family Trust
Audrey Jeschke
Jeffrey Johnson

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Michigan Historic Preservation Network
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Frederick & Linda Neumark
Christine & Andrew Pasternak
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Terry & Bruce Reinoehl
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Paul & Margaret Roney
William & Deb Rutter
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Paul & Sharon Tarr
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William & Joeline Wellman
William & Stephanie Whitbeck
Jeffery White
Mary Jane Wilson
Geneva Wiskemann
Neil & Joan Woodward
Carolyn Worden



News Notes

Executive Order - Legislation was introduced

The Friends of Michigan History Executive Board was deeply disappointed in the Governor's decision to abolish the Department of History Arts and Libraries (HAL), via Executive Order #2009-36. Legislation was introduced and received some support to transfer HAL to the Office of the Secretary of State, but citing fiscal reasons, the package never received passage in the House, and the Executive Order took effect October 1st, 2009.

The results sent the Michigan Magazine to the Michigan Historical Society, pieces to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Management and Budget, and the MISHDA.

The Friends Executive Committee has met with the Michigan Historical Society and found them cooperative and willing to assure our members will continue to receive the Michigan History Magazine. A letter has also gone to the Michigan Historical Commission, asking that they call and chair a meeting with the various history agents affected by the Executive Order changes, such as the Friends, the Center, the Museum, the Archives, the Library, the DNR, and the Michigan Historical Society, to help facilitate the reestablishment of working relationships and clarify responsibilities to ensure understanding and promote public awareness of the ongoing viability of the functions of the former department.

This will be no easy task in Fiscal Year 2010/2011, as the State of Michigan is facing a projected deficit of \$1.7 Billion, according to recent announcements by both the Michigan House and Senate Fiscal Agencies.

The Friends of Michigan History stand united in their commitment to promote the great history of Michigan, through its' museums, affiliate historical sites, historical marker program, and its' internationally know periodical, the Michigan History Magazine. We thank our membership for their continued support in this stressed financial time.

Paul M. Tarr, Friends Board

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Francis Hammond
James Harmon
Kenton Mark
Sabah Mati
Danny & Cindy McPherson
Michael Newman
Selinda Odell
Elizabeth Orzechowski
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News Notes -

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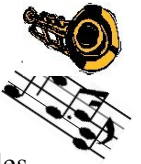
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To submit any articles, the **deadline** for the **next issue** is **May 7, 2010**, for **Vol. 3 Issue 3** - June, July, August & September 2010. Also, to submit any articles for **Vol. 4 Issue 1** is due **September 10, 2010** for October, November, December & January 2011.

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Here are the **dates for the next Friends meeting** in the Commission Room on the 5th floor of the Museum side at 10 am to Noon. Friends meet the 2nd Monday of every month.

2010 Meeting Schedule

January 14

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14 - annual meeting

Next Friends meeting: Monday, March 8, 2009

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